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Commission on Aging

Minutes of Special Meeting
October 21, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Bigl (2015), April Holinko (2014), Bettejane Karnes (2015), Steve Kegler (2015), Bev Korba (2014), Don Nolan (2014), Joan Terry, (2013)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Sam Gordon (2014), Laurie McMorrow (2014)
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Emile Porier (Jensen's), Linda Savage (Glen Ridge)
STAFF: Cynthia Dainton, Senior Center Coordinator; Jillian Comolli, Intern

Minutes - The minutes of the September 2013 meeting were approved as written.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Senior Center/ Wellness Center - Cindy reported that a number of health care events are scheduled at the Senior Center this fall including a presentation by the UConn dental school and also one by the UConn speech and hearing clinic.

Senior Center Association – No report

Senior Housing News – Emile said that a group at Rolling Hills has formed an emergency services committee to aid their residents should a crisis arise. Commission members were interested in following their example and working to establish a similar committee that would work with the Town as a whole. Linda Savage said Glen Ridge has welcomed a number of new residents this summer.

New Business – There was no new business.

Commission Goals – Commission goals for the next year were discussed. A draft of our proposed goals for 2013-2014 is attached.

Comments from the Public – Steve LeGault updated us on his plans to build senior housing in southern Mansfield. He has secured a loan for the project and is currently working with a local owner regarding purchase of a site. The project will include all levels of care from independent living to skilled nursing plus it will have an adult day care program. He is working on re-zoning regulations.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Terry, secretary

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th (due to holiday)
9:30 at the Senior Center

Goals for the
Commission on Aging
2013-2014

1. Monitor Mansfield's Long-Range Plan for seniors with a continued focus on priority issues of senior safety, information dissemination, senior center space needs and health care needs including changing federal benefit programs.
2. Continue to advocate for the installation of a bus shelter at the Route 275/Community Center bus stop.
3. Advocate for increased hours for the volunteer driver coordinator.
4. Encourage the Downtown Partnership to make the new Storrs downtown senior friendly.
5. Track the development of independent living/assisted living facilities in Mansfield.
6. Continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Senior/Adult Services Social Worker in meeting senior needs.
7. Develop a basic guide for seniors to use in emergencies.